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Donald Bruce
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Emergency Response Branch, HSE-5J
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Dear Mr. Bruce:

This is to request the assistance of the U.S. EPA in the removal of a major urban blight: the former Cuneo Press buildings at 2201-2300 South Grove Street. As you are aware, approximately 300 drums and a number of storage tanks which may contain hazardous substances are present within the buildings. Some of the drums are open and accessible to the approximately 19 homeless people who reside within the burned-out structures. The buildings are open, and anyone can freely wander in. The labels on many of the drums indicate the likely presence of hazardous substances.

The City of Chicago would greatly appreciate it if U.S. EPA could quickly arrange for the removal of the waste materials from the Cuneo Press buildings. If you have any questions, please call me at 744-9609.

Sincerely,

James K. Van der Kloot
Special Assistant Commissioner
Department of Environment

cc: John Kalianis, Department of Buildings
Karen Gordon, Department of Environment

